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SUBJ: PRINCE ASSERATE-APPEAL TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REFS: (A) FRANKFURT 2627, (B) FRANKFURT 3788

1. PRINCE ASSERATE HAS CALLED TWICE IN LAST SIX WEEKS TO INQUIRE WHETHER HE COULD NOT AT LEAST HAVE SOME ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER (REF A), ESPECIALLY SINCE HE HAD RECEIVED SHORT NOTES FROM SENATORS KENNEDY AND CLARK. HE RATHER POINTEDLY SAID THAT HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO SQUARE THE LACK OF EVEN A SIMPLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO HIS APPEAL WITH THE DECLARED AMERICAN CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. SEEMS TO US IT SHOULD NOT BE BEYOND THE WIT OF MAN TO DEVISE A COURTEOUS AND HARMLESS REPLY TO HIS HIGHNESS.

2. ASSERATE ALSO SAID HE IS THINKING OF WRITING THE U.S., UK AND FRG FONMINS ASKING THEM TO APPROACH THE SOVIETS AT THE CSCE FOLLOW UP CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE THIS FALL WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY INTERCEDE WITH THE ADDIS REGIME ON BEHALF OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING HELD IN ETHIOPIA. WE RAISED
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QUESTION WITH HIM WHETHER SUCH INTERCESSION EVEN IF SOVIETS WERE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE IT IN GOOD FAITH MIGHT NOT BE HARMFUL TO PRISONERS RATHER THAN HELP THEM BUT ASSERATE WAS NOT IMPRESSED BY THESE THOUGHTS. LEHMANN

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